

## In the Specification

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### Related Application

This is a §371 of International Application No. PCT/FR2004/050675, with an international filing date of December 10, 2004 (WO 2005/062613 A1, published July 7, 2005), which is based on French Patent Application No. 03/51107, filed December 18, 2003.

### Technical Field

The invention This disclosure relates to the field of interactive television.

The invention relates more specifically to a method that aims to allow access to an interactive television service by previously entering a code sent by mini-message, which can be, for example, in SMS format.

### Background

There are known solutions for accessing interactive pay television services in the previous state of the art. A classic solution consists of making the payment using a bank card. Other solutions are also known, such as payment by means of a surcharged modem connection.

The invention intends to solve the disadvantages of the previous state of the art by providing a method that enables access to an interactive pay television service by means of a mini-message.

### Summary

For this purpose, the invention relates, in its most general sense, This disclosure is directed to a method of accessing an interactive television service by means of with a code and a mini-message, characterised in that it comprises the following steps comprising:

[[ -]] randomly generation of generating a code C1 by an interactive television application implemented on an interactive television set;

[[[-]]] sending ~~of~~ a mini-message containing the code C1 to a processing server ~~by means of~~  
~~with~~ a mobile telecommunications device;

[[[-]]] ~~calculation of the~~calculating a code  $C2 = F(C1)$  ~~by~~with the processing server;

[[[-]]] resending of the code C2 ~~by~~with the processing server and ~~receipt of~~receiving the code C2 on the mobile telecommunications device;

[[[-]]] ~~entry of~~entering the code C2 by the user in the interactive television application;

[[[-]]] ~~calculation by~~calculating the interactive application ~~of~~ $C1' = F^{-1}(C2)[[.]]$ ;

checking that  $C1' = C1[[.]]$ ; and

enabling the user to access ~~said~~the service;

wherein F is a predefined function, and  $F^{-1}$  is the inverse function of F.

~~According to a first variant, said~~The mini-message ~~is~~may be in SMS format[[.]],

~~According to a second variant, said~~mini message is in MMS format[[.]] or

~~According to a third variant, said~~mini message is in the form of an e-mail.

~~According to an embodiment of the invention, said~~The mini-message ~~is~~may be transmitted across a mobile telecommunications network[[.]] or

~~According to another embodiment of the invention, said~~mini message is transmitted across the internet and/or a local wireless network.

Preferably, ~~said~~the service requires payment and ~~said~~the mini-message is surcharged.

~~The invention further relates to a~~A system for implementing the method, ~~comprising~~is also disclosed and comprises at least a mobile telecommunications device, an interactive television set, a mobile telecommunications network or a local wireless network, a digital television broadcasting network and a processing server.

## Brief Description of the Drawing

The ~~invention and disclosure~~ will be understood better from reading the description, provided below for purely explanatory purposes, of ~~an embodiment of the invention, selected aspects~~ in reference to the appended figure[[s]], in which:

~~figure~~ Fig. 1 shows ~~an~~ one selected embodiment of the method ~~according to the invention~~.

## Detailed Description

In the ~~embodiment of the invention shown in our~~ selected example, a user has a television set connected to an interactive television decoder and a mobile telephone terminal that has capacity for sending and receiving SMS, MMS or e-mail messages. This terminal can be compatible with GSM, CDMA, GPRS, UMTS or any other digital telecommunications standard that supports sending and receiving mini-messages. It is also possible to use a PDA terminal (personal digital assistant) connected to a local wireless network (Wi-Fi, etc. or the like). It is understood that this example is non-exhaustive and that it is up to the person skilled in the ~~trade~~ art to implement variations that adapt to each specific case.

The user ~~is~~ may ~~watching~~ free-access interactive television programmes. At a given instant T, he/she decides to access an interactive pay television service. The interactive television application ~~implementing the method according to the invention~~ generates a code C at random and asks the user to enter this code C on his/her mobile terminal.

In ~~our~~ the example, the code is taken from the natural numbers under  $2^8 = 256$  and the function used is  $Y = F(X) = 1/X^2$ . This means that  $X = F^{-1}(Y) = 1/\sqrt(Y)$ .

The user then enters the code  $C = N_1$  on his/her terminal and sends it in the form of an SMS message to a predefined number. In ~~our~~ the example, the SMS is surcharged, in other words, the

mobile telecommunications operator bills the message at a higher price than normal SMS messages and a part of this extra charge is paid back to the interactive pay television service provider.

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The next step ~~consists of~~comprises the user entering R in a window of the interactive television application using his/her remote control. The interactive application calculates  $F^{-1}(R) = 1/\sqrt{R}$  and checks that this value is the same, by approximation of calculations on real numbers by nearby computers, as  $N_1$ . If the verification is successful, the interactive television application ~~authorises~~authorizes the user to access the paying service.

The ~~invention~~above method and apparatus/system is described ~~above~~merely as ~~an~~a selected example. It is understood that ~~people~~those skilled in the ~~trade~~art will be able to implement different variants ~~of the invention~~ without therefore departing from the ~~context of the patent~~spirit and scope of the appended claims.